



**Executive Council of
Australian Jewry**

Statement on The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

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The Executive Council of Australian Jewry, the elected peak representative body of the Australian Jewish community, offers its warmest congratulations to Her Majesty The Queen on her Platinum Jubilee, as she marks seventy years as Queen of Australia and of her other realms.

For seven decades, and more, The Queen has exemplified service, duty and dedication. She has seen an Empire become a Commonwealth and has steadfastly supported the rights of all peoples to determine their own destinies. She has demonstrated throughout the world her commitment to multiculturalism, antipathy to prejudice and celebration of diversity. That is why she enjoys the respect and affection of Australians of all backgrounds and all political affiliations.

The Queen has been Head of State of the Commonwealth of Australia for most of its history. Most Australians have never known anyone else in her role. She will be a model for all Australian Heads of State who may follow.

Throughout her reign Her Majesty has been a sympathetic friend to Jews across the globe. She fulfils the words of the Book of Proverbs describing the woman of valour:

“She is clothed with strength and dignity...She speaks with wisdom, and the law of loving kindness is on her tongue.”

We invoke the Jewish blessing on a Sovereign and thank God, the source of all glory, for her peaceful reign. In accordance with Jewish tradition we wish Her Majesty life until she is one hundred and twenty, in good health, with happiness and with the affection of everyone whom she has served so well for so long.

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